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FIG. IPS.—Oc*!;,<;. FCte juwtilis. x &.

The Puma, J^! concolor> the
American Lion as it is called in
the north, is a rather smaller
animal than the last, and of a
uniform tawny colour, tending to
white on the **abdomen** and to
a dark stripe along the back. The
young, as already **mentioned**,
are very distinctly spotted. Like
the Tiger, the **Puma** can
endure **extremes** of heat and
cold; it is equally at **home** in
the snow of **North America** and
among the **tropical** forests
and **swamps** of the south. It is a
ferocious creature so far as
concerns J>eer, Lamas, Raccoons,
even Skunks and **Kheas**, but,
according to Mr. W. H. Hudson, will
not attack man, and **will**
even **defend** him against the
Jaguar,¹ In captivity the Puma
•will purr like a Cat*

The Eyra, **F. eyra>** is another
self-coloured American cat*
which has a curious likeness to the
totally distinct *Cryptoprocta*,
of Madagascar.

The Wild Cat of Europe, JK *catus*,
is found over the greater
part of Europe, and **also in**
Northern Asia. It was undoubtedly
common at one time in this
country, though it appears never to
have extended **its range** into
Ireland. But the real Wild Cat is
now rare in this island, and is
confined to certain districts in

¹ **Brat Mr. Belt** says **th&t the**
"Tigre" never attacks **aaan unless** it
be
provoked.